

## **Paper 3 (HL) and Paper 2 (SL): Data Response**

- **Part (a):** Definitions
  - Only two marks each – do not waste too much time on these.
  - Write **two** sensible points defining the term as specifically as possible.
  - Providing an example from the text is useful.
- **Part (b) and Part (c):** – Application of theory (diagram)
  - Four marks each
  - Neatly draw a carefully-labelled diagram. If possible, label the y-axis with variables noted in the text. For example, if the text is about the price of oil in France, label the y-axis *price of oil in Euros*. Include arrows to show direction of change. Use colors to show changes. Above all else, write about the diagram and refer to specific points on the diagram.
- Use plenty of space for the diagrams and the explanations. Examiners do not like to see writing and diagrams scrunched into small spaces.
- **Part (d):** – Application of theory (diagram)
  - 8 marks
  - These questions begin with the words, “*Using information from the text and your knowledge of economics, evaluate....*” A common problem here is that students don’t remember to actually use the text, even though the instructions specifically ask for it. Use numbers from the text if there are any, and include appropriate quotations. Above all, this will help to keep you on track of the question.
  - You must read the question carefully to identify what it is that you are expected to evaluate. Remember that evaluation takes many forms (see discussion of evaluation in Paper 1 above).
  - It is not enough to simply list any of the above arguments. It is important to actually give **value** to the points and to come to a **reasoned conclusion**.